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UTILISATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

a. Whether the Ministry has spent only Rs. 141.93 crores out of earmarked amount of Rs.418.2 crores during the first three year of the Tenth Five Year Plan; and b. If so, the reasons therefor ; and c. The measures proposed to be taken to spend the total amount earmarked for the Ministry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL & FERTILIZERS AND MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

a. So far as Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals is concerned, out of Budgetary support of Rs. 418.2 crore under the Tenth Five Year Plan, a sum of Rs. 141.93 crores has been spent during the first three years of the Tenth Plan.

b. The revised Tenth Plan outlay for schems of the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals is Rs. 418.42 crores of budgetary support and Rs. 194 crore of IEBR generated by the PSUs and autonomous and academic institutitions. The budgetary support also includes Rs.174.79 crore i.e. Rs. 80 crore ($ 15 million) OPEC loan for Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology (CIPET) and Rs. 56.37 crores for Assam Gas Project and Rs. 38.42 crore for new schemes of CIPET like setting up of 3 new centres, etc. These schemes were not approved for implementation during the first three years of the Plan due to various procedural , operational and viability issues. The OPEC loan was approved only in June 2005 and funds becoming available from September, 2005 onwards only. Seting up of three new centres of CIPET was approved in January, 2006. The Assam Gas Project has been approved by the PIB and Cabinet Note was pending for getting the approval of the CCEA. Thus, the schemes having 41.8% of outlay, were not available for implementation. For approved scheme, an amount of Rs. 141.93 crore has been utilized during the first 3 years of Plan period which works out ot be 58.3% of outlay of Rs. 243.63 crore for approved schemes as against proportionate target of 60% for the first three years of the Plan.

c. i) The OPEC loan has been approved and CIPET has started activities for utilization of the same.

ii. The utilization of funds for the establishment of three new CIPET centres started w.e.f. 2005-06 onwards.

iii. The Assam Gas Cracker project is in advance stage and modalities of utilization of funds earmarked for the same is under negiotiation between the concerned parties.